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TAGS: PARM  
SUBJECT: NEW TYPES AND MK-12A (SALT TWO-1599)

REF: A. STATE 285073 B. SALT TWO-1492

1. DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS THAT WASHINGTON CURRENTLY IS REVIEWING ICBM "NEW TYPES" ISSUE. FOLLOWING ARE DELEGATION VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO NEW TYPES BAN AS IT AFFECTS GENERAL QUESTION OF PAYLOAD FLEXIBILITY AND IN PARTICULAR MK-12A RV ISSUE, IN LIGHT OF JANUARY 6 FLIGHT-TEST OF MINUTEMAN III ICBM WITH PAYLOAD OF THREE MK-12A RVS.

2. IN REFTEL A, WASHINGTON CONCURRED WITH SUGGESTED DELEGATION APPROACH (PARA 2 REFTEL B) THAT TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF AN ICBM WITH A NUMBER OF RVS GREATER THAN MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RVS OF ANY TYPE TESTED ON THAT MISSILE PRIOR TO DATE OF SIGNATURE WOULD BE PROHIBITED BY BAN ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS, BUT THAT ANY RV COULD BE FLIGHT-TESTED AND DEPLOYED UP TO THAT MAXIMUM NUMBER ON AN ICBM AFTER DATE OF SIGNATURE AS LONG AS THAT RV TYPE HAD BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED ON THAT TYPE OF ICBM PRIOR TO DATE OF SIGNATURE. THIS

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APPROACH HAD PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGE OF ALLOWING THREE MK-12A RVS ON MM III, EVEN THOUGH ONLY 2 SUCH RVS HAD BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED ON MM III AS OF DATE OF REFTEL A.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO SENDING REFTEL B, DELEGATION BECAME AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT MM III HAS BEEN TESTED WITH 7 RVS, ALBEIT SMALLER THAN MK-12A, IN PAVE PEPPER PROGRAM. THUS,

IN PRINCIPLE 7 MK-12AS WOULD BE ALLOWED ON MM III BY REFERENCED INSTRUCTIONS. ALTHOUGH, AS PRACTICAL MATTER, SUCH PAYLOAD WOULD REQUIRE MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO MM III AND THUS WOULD BE BANNED BY OTHER PARTS OF U.S. PROPOSAL ON NEW TYPES, DELEGATION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MORE CONSISTENT WITH BASIC U.S. APPROACH NOT TO ALLOW INCREASES IN ICBM CAPABILITIES THAT COULD RESULT FROM PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY TO MIX RVS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL A. FURTHERMORE, RECENT FLIGHT-TEST OF MM III WITH THREE MK-12A RVS WOULD ALLOW FURTHER TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF THIS PAYLOAD UNDER CURRENT U.S. PROPOSAL WITHOUT WEAKENING NEW TYPES DEFINITION.

4. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT, IN VIEW OF ABOVE-NOTED IMPLICATIONS OF INSTRUCTIONS OF REFTEL A, AS WELL AS MM III FLIGHT-TEST WITH 3 MK-12A RVS, IT WOULD NOT BE IN U.S. INTEREST TO IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS OF REFTEL A. DELEGATION BELIEVES IT PREFERABLE TO CONTINUE ALONG LINES OF CURRENT U.S. POSITION, WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE FLIGHT-TESTING OR DEPLOYMENT OF A MISSILE WITH MORE RVS OF A GIVEN TYPE THAN HAD BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED ON THAT TYPE OF MISSILE PRIOR TO DATE OF SIGNATURE. (DELEGATION WOULD AT APPROPRIATE TIME MAKE CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT U.S. POSITION WOULD PERMIT OFF-LOADING OF RVS.) EARLE

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